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FS-Memorandum

To: Bureau of Land Management District Managers (Coos Bay, Eugene, Lakeview, Medford, Roseburg, and Salem), Field Managers (Klamath Falls and Tillamook, OR; Arcata, Redding, and Ukiah, CA), and Forest Service National Forest Supervisors and Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Manager within the Northwest Forest Plan Area

Subject: Protection of All Known Sites of 57 Former Survey and Manage Species

As a result of the ongoing Survey and Manage lawsuit, Linda Goodman, Forest Service Region 6 Regional Forester, also representing Region 5 of the Forest Service and affected Bureau of Land Management (BLM) units in Oregon and northern California, signed a declaration which was filed with the court on October 14, 2005. The declaration contains the following statement:

"Until a new Record of Decision is issued, the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management will protect known sites of the 57 species identified in the 2004 Supplemental Final Environmental Impact Statement To Remove or Modify the Survey and Manage Mitigation Measure Standards and Guidelines (2004 SEIS) as being adversely affected by the elimination of the Survey and Manage program. This protection will consist of applying the Management Recommendations developed pursuant to the 2001 Record of Decision to maintain known sites of these 57 species."

In the Record of Decision for the 2004 final SEIS, the agencies selected Alternative 2 which eliminated the Survey and Manage provision. Under this alternative there are 57 former Survey and Manage species with insufficient habitat (including known sites) to support stable populations in all (51 species) or part of their range (6 species). Through the above declaration, all four agencies are committing to the protection of all known sites for these 57 species determined to be adversely affected by the decision to eliminate the Survey and Manage program. This protection will consist of applying the Management Recommendations developed pursuant to the 2001 Record of Decision to maintain known sites of these 57 species. Since many of these 57 species are included in a portion of their range in the Special Status Species or Sensitive Species programs, they are not expected to be adversely affected in those areas, and thus, are not subject to the known site requirement in this memo. The commitment to protect all known sites will remain in place until supplemental National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) work is completed that addresses the court's concerns identified in the Survey and Manage lawsuit. The supplemental NEPA work is expected to begin within the next month, with a final decision expected within a year.

Please see Attachment 1, modified from pages 60-61 of the final SEIS, that clearly identifies the 57 species now requiring protection of all known sites and the administrative agencies to which this requirement applies. Within these identified administrative agencies' lands, protection of known sites applies to all planned, sold, awarded, and ongoing projects, including any in-house projects, and may require the modification of existing contracts. Units are to manage the sites in accordance with the Survey and Manage Management Recommendations developed pursuant to the 2001 Record of Decision. Current Management Recommendations may be found at the Survey and Manage website <http://www.or.blm.gov/surveyandmanage/>.

The data for the 57 former Survey and Manage species will be provided to BLM and Forest Service Region 6 users in two ways:

BLM employees will be provided with a query located at http://www.or.blm.gov/geobob/SM_data/default.asp on the Geographic Biotic Observations (GeoBOB) website. The query will identify the observations and sites for all 57 species that were moved from the Interagency Species Management System into GeoBOB. GeoBOB users will be able to use this query to identify the species observations and sites within their own administrative units, and also see locations on other field units.

Forest Service Region 6 employees will be provided with a downloadable ArcGIS personal geodatabase containing species locations intersected with the corporate boundaries layer. Specific direction for using the geodatabase will be included in the downloadable file located at: http://www.or.blm.gov/geobob/SM_data/default.asp.

Questions pertaining to BLM and Forest Service Region 6 data needs should be directed to Adrienne Pilmanis at 503-808-6604 or Adrienne.Pilmanis@or.blm.gov.

The Forest Service Region 5 data for the 57 former Survey and Manage species is located on each of the Northern California Forest's Servers. Questions pertaining to Region 5 data needs should be directed to Chris Fischer at 707-562-8943 or cfischer@fs.fed.us.

If you have questions concerning implementation of this direction, please contact the following individuals:

- Technical questions (pertaining to species, Management Recommendations, etc.) - Rob Huff, (503)808-6479
- Policy-related questions - BLM: Mike Haske, (503)808-6066; Region 6: Peggy Kain, (503)808-2662; and Region 5: Steve Bishop, (707)562-8689

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1 Attachment

1 – [57 Species Requiring Site Protection and Administrative Agencies to Which These Protections Apply](#) (2pp)

BLM Distribution

WO-230 (204LS) (Peg Olwell)
 CA-330 (Paul Roush)
 CA-932 (Ed Lorentzen)
 OR-931 (Mike Haske, Barb Hill, Rob Huff,
 Joan Seevers, Kelli Van Norman)
 OR-932 (Todd Thompson)
 OR-014 (Steve Hayner)
 OR-015 (Todd Forbes, Alan Munhall)
 OR-026 (Darren Brumback, Matt Obradovich)
 OR-030 (Cynthia Tate)
 OR-036 (Jon Sadowski)
 OR-050 (Jan Hanf)
 OR-056 (Jimmy Eisner)
 OR-080 (Roy Price, Robert A. Ruediger)
 OR-090 (Mark D'Aversa)
 OR-095 (Eric Greenquist)
 OR-100 (Scott Lightcap)
 OR-104 (Christopher Foster)
 OR-110 (Dale Johnson, Carole Jorgensen)
 OR-125 (Bill Hudson)
 OR-128 (Kerrie Palermo)
 OR-134 (Joe Kelly)
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